Minutes of the Centerville **City Council work session** held Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street, and electronically via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Council Members

Mayor

Clark Wilkinson

Gina Hirst William Ince

George McEwan Robyn Mecham

Spencer Summerhays

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Romney, City Attorney Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder Nate Plaizier, Finance Director Mike Carlson, Public Works Director

Brant Hanson, City Manager

Jacob Smith. Administrative Services Director

Bryce King, Recreation Coordinator

Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director

VISITOR

Justin LaRue, CivicClerk

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CIVICCLERK BOARD MEMBER TRAINING

Justin LaRue with CivicClerk provided training for the Council on how to use CivicClerk, the City's new agenda and meeting management software. Staff estimated the transition to CivicClerk would occur in approximately two months.

RECREATION UPDATE

Recreation Coordinator Bryce King updated the Council regarding current and upcoming recreation opportunities. Councilmember Mecham said she would like the City to continue to offer summer youth recreation opportunities at multiple parks for the youth who needed to walk or bike to get there. Councilmember McEwan suggested the City establish a reserve and set aside a certain amount of class space for families in need of economic assistance. Mr. King said he was in favor of establishing a scholarship program. Mr. King spoke of the possibility of offering day trips to West Yellowstone and other locations.

 Mr. King provided an update on the City's baseball program, described changes to concessions offered, and answered questions from the Council. He reported on the ski school offered during the winter, and provided an update regarding the Youth City Council. Mr. King asked the Council to consider the possibility of a community camp night. He reported on the Employee Christmas Party, and mentioned the possibility of scheduling employee spirit days.

Mr. King reported on communications, media platforms, and the City newsletter, and answered questions from the Council. He listed possible projects for the future, including concrete cornhole platforms at parks, and a pump track.

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CEMETERY UPDATE/DISCUSSION

Mayor Wilkinson spoke of setting policy for the potential new cemetery. City Manager Brant Hanson spoke of hiring a consultant to help with land acquisition and potential eminent domain. Councilmember McEwan emphasized the need to move forward quickly. Mr. Hanson said he believed a three-acre parcel of land would be sufficient rather than the previously discussed five-acre parcel, with both burial spaces and niche walls available. He suggested that looking for a three-acre parcel would greatly expand options for consideration. Councilmember McEwan said he was interested in acquiring enough land to meet needs for 50-100 years. Mayor Wilkinson commented that policy would help determine how long cemetery space would be available. Mr. Hanson said he recently spoke to a willing seller, and said he believed eminent domain may not be necessary.

The Council discussed going into closed session following the regular Council meeting to discuss possible acquisition of real property. Councilmember Summerhays said he liked the idea of setting policy for new cemetery space to be dedicated for Centerville residents. Councilmember Mecham said she would not want the new cemetery space to be available for purchase only at time of need.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:02 p.m., Councilmember Ince moved to adjourn the work session. Councilmember Mecham seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

